



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK
MARCH 13-19, 2005

WHEREAS, the prairies of North Dakota provide an environment that is conducive to wildfires, resulting in more than 700 wildfires each year which burn on average more than 37,000 acres and threaten lives, property and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Fire Council, comprised of local, state, tribal and federal fire and land management officials, is actively educating North Dakotans about the prevention of wildfires and the protection of people and property in the event of a wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Council has adopted "Be Firewise in North Dakota" as an awareness and education program, and the theme for Wildfire Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, applying Firewise concepts to individual properties and communities can result in reduced property losses from wildfires, and increased firefighter and public safety; and

WHEREAS, wildfire awareness, planning and prevention are important to the health and safety of all North Dakotans, and education plays a key role in raising awareness about fire in our environment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 13-19, 2005, **WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State